

Egremont Conservation Commission

Minutes for Thursday, December 16, 2021 **Hybrid/Virtual Zoom Meeting**

Call to order 5:30 pm

Commission Members Present:

David Seligman, Bill Tynan, Alexis Wreden, Patrick Riordan, David Campbell and Joyce Frater, Associate Member.

Zoom Participants:

Alexander Thorp, Engineer and Mike Straher 24 Lakeside Drive
Robert Fakelmann, Architect, representing 127 Mt Washington Road
Kate Lascar RDA 17 Mount Washington Road
Approval of the minutes of November 18, 2021.

Public Hearings:

Opened: 5:32 pm

Continuation of a Public Hearing on Notice of Intent (NOI) by Leslie Davenport and Michael Straher, 24 Lakeside Dr, #153-0231. Emily Stockman will report on her site visit and new wetland delineation from her Peer Review at the next meeting on January 13, 2022, at 5:30 pm.

Closed: 5:37 pm

Open: 5:38 pm

Public Meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability, from Marc Hacker and Kenneth Schwartz, 127 Mt. Washington Rd., for proposed addition of single vehicle carport and adjacent rain garden, relocation of principal entry, and reconfiguring existing parking lot, all within previously developed Riverfront area, approximately 46' from top of bank. Project to include all minimally invasive design strategies including helical piers to minimal damage to soil structure.

Project approved with an RDA -2 with conditions: Plans to be revised for next meeting to include mapping of erosion controls, location of equipment and material storage. And finally, a construction schedule with project stages and approximate dates. Continued to January 13 at 5:30 pm

Closed: 5:52 pm

Open: 5:54 pm

Public Meeting on a Request for Determination of Applicability, from Kate Lascar and Brian Budak, 17 Mt. Washington Rd. for grading and drainage around the house and widening of driveway within 100 ft. of buffer zone of Smiley's Pond.

Kate to contact Jim Noe from the Egremont Highway Department for guidance about the drainage interaction between her property and the Town's easement. Commission recommends a grading plan which could possibly include a few grades taken to ensure proper fall for the entire site, and more information regarding a retention area and grading along the road frontage to the culvert beside the driveway. The next set of drawings to show location of erosion controls and material storage for construction sequence of the project. Also requested is a clear strategy for dealing with cut and/or fill.

Closed: 6:14 pm

Projects New & Old:

Shane Oats, 22 Taconic Lane, New Site Plan. Project Review after site visit. Project approved and building permit signed off with revised drawings.

OoC for Prospect Lake Dam project, DEP #153-0228 to move forward with the OoC WPA form 5 Standard Order of Conditions plus an additional document, "Plans for Invasive Removal, Ground Protections, and Plantings for Prospect Lake Dam". Documents and signatures pages to placed in drop box.

Citizen Inquiries:

73 Jug End Rd. Rethemeyer interested in additional work. Please submit a Project Review form to the Commission.

Correspondence:

Commission wishes Mark Stinson a speedy recovery and best wishes.

Administrative:

After recent site visit, to the former Friedman Property (now donated to the town), observations were made of the large number of invasive species along the drive to the property. Woolly adelgid was also seen. The presence of a massive ash tree, *Fraxinus americana*, was noted. Patrick suggested the best way to deal with the invasives on the land would be through a “controlled” approach focusing on those plants adjacent to the driveway only. This land-management project would likely involve a five-year time frame. The current Forest Stewardship Plan, written by Jim Kelly, is being overseen by the Commission and specific recommendations will be written by Patrick and Bill. Joyce recommended the Commission submit an “expression of interest” for future grants to Juliette Haas. The application would include a brief Narrative for a five-year plan for invasive control.

Open Space and Recreation Plan update. The Planning Board along with David Seligman representing Concom are interviewing possible consultants for the OSRP and the Master Plan. At some point they will make recommendations to the Selectboard. These plans must be updated as a requirement for Egremont to receive certain funding in the future.

Possible **Wetlands By-law discussion** for future discussion. Commission to defer discussions of by laws to a later date.

2022 Budget, submitted. Increase to Shannon’s salary without increase to overall budget.

Meeting Dates for February 10, 24 and March 10 and 24 meetings.

Adjournment: 6:51 pm

Next regularly scheduled Commission meeting: **January 13, 2022**